

ABIDING BY THE LAW OF REPULSE: A NATURAL FLOW

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*“He enters free
He who has known the prison walls.
He passes into light with open eyes,
He who for aeons long
has groped the darkened corridor.
He passes on his way,
He who has stood for ages
Before a fast closed door.*

*He speaks with power
the Word which opens wide the Gate of Life.
He stand before the Angel
and takes away His sword,
Releasing thus the Angel unto a higher task.
He himself guards the doorway
into the Holy Place.*

*He died.
He entered his strife.
He learnt the way of service.
He stands before the door.”*

(EPII 147-174)

The study of the universal law of Cosmos has attracted man's interest since the beginning of times, but it was only during the modern scientific age that we began to understand how they operate, logically explained and demonstrated. Many of the laws are not still completely understood due to their occult manifestation; however, their main aspects have been taught to us by ancient sages. One of them is the Law of Repulse, which we will endeavor to consider its basic principles.

In order to facilitate our comprehension, it would be helpful to develop an ample view of what we are studying or meditating in order to acquire an expanded awareness of it. Since mind is a continuum, the visions, insights and lessons of the past will carry us to the present and inspire us towards the future, maintaining our wholeness in the present moment.

The universe known to us has established patterns or matrixes which somehow reveal to us, in the pursuit of our spiritual quest, a Divine Plan of the Creating Forces. Once we are not separate entities, the awareness of being interconnected in a harmonious flow of life, revealing new forms and cycles each moment, provide the calm abiding necessary for our mind to position itself in a clever way, thus avoiding the common identification with the chaotic expressions of that same energy presently available.

Let us briefly review the **18 Basic Laws of the Universe**, related to the progress of our mind, as we expand daily our consciousness: (151-4)

A) **THREE MAJOR LAWS**, RELATED TO THE “DESIRE” ASPECTS OF LIFE, OR **DESIRE REALM** OF MANIFESTATION

1. **THE LAW OF ECONOMY**, primarily governing our instincts.
2. **THE LAW OF ATTRACTION**, governing the aspects related to our soul, not only in humans but also applicable to all forms of life and even atoms or solar systems.
3. **THE LAW OF SYNTHESIS**, governing man once he reaches the Path of Initiation.

B) **SEVEN MINOR LAWS OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM**, RELATED TO THE “EVOLUTION” ASPECTS OF MAN, BOTH AS A PERSON OR AS A SOUL, AND TO THE **FORM REALM** OF MANIFESTATION. THEY FORM THE BASIS FOR THE TRUE PSYCHOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING OF MAN:

4. **THE LAW OF VIBRATION**, governing the atoms of the solar system.
5. **THE LAW OF COHESION**, an aspect of the Law of Attraction.
6. **THE LAW OF DESINTEGRATION**.
7. **THE LAW OF MAGNETIC CONTROL**, governing the control of the personality by the spiritual nature, through the soul nature.
8. **THE LAW OF FIXATION** – instrument of the mind for control and stabilization of itself and of outside phenomena.
9. **THE LAW OF LOVE** – which enables the transformation of our lower nature, characterized by desire.
10. **THE LAW OF SACRIFICE AND DEATH**.

C) **SEVEN BASIC LAWS OF THE SOUL**, THE FIRST THREE RELATED TO THE **EGOIC LOTUS**, CARRYING INFLUENCES TO THE ASPIRANT

11. **THE LAW OF SACRIFICE**, related to the Petals of Sacrifice, originated by the sacrificial will of the Soul.
12. **THE LAW OF MAGNETIC IMPULSE**, related to the Petals of Love.
13. **THE LAW OF SERVICE** – related to the Petals of Knowledge.

THE LAST FOUR CARRYING INFLUENCES TO THE DISCIPLE AND INITIATE, WHILE DISSOLVING THE CONCEPTS WHICH LED TO MATERIALIZATION OR IDENTIFICATION WITH THE FORM REALM; THEY BOTH SLOWLY TAKE US TO THE REALIZATION OF **THE FORMLESS REALM**:

14. **THE LAW OF REPULSE**, related to **ATMA**, SPIRITUAL WILL. Its influence comes via the Egoic Petals of Sacrifice and the subsidiary Law of Sacrifice.

15. **THE LAW OF GROUP PROGRESS**, related to **BUDDHI**, SPIRITUAL LOVE. This comes via the love petals of the Egoic Lotus, and through the subsidiary Law of Magnetic Impulse.

16. **THE LAW OF EXPANSIVE RESPONSE**, related to **MANAS**. Higher spiritual mind. It comes through the knowledge petals and the subsidiary Law of Service. (pg 198)

17. **THE LAW OF THE LOWER FOUR** – to be studied and absorbed in the due time by the Initiate and by humanity.(pg 200)

D) 18. **THE GREAT LAW OF DEITY** – The law of God’s synthetic purpose - again, to be understood or absorbed at a later moment by the Initiate. It concerns the “**Jewel in the Lotus**”, at the heart of the “flower of the soul”, the 18th center. (EP II – pg. 153)

The main objective of our study now is to develop a deeper understanding of the **LAW OF REPULSE**, esoterically known as “ The Law of Destroying Angels”; its symbol is the Angel with the Flaming Sword and the main ray energy is that of the First Ray. (EP II - pg 154)

I would like to begin this essay by pointing out certain relevant concepts:

- a) The concept of **IMPERMANENCE** of the Spiritual Path, since we are constantly moving to higher or lower states of consciousness, depending on our expectations, actions, mind focus or karma;
- b) The concept of **INTERRELATEDNESS** of all the instructions, stages, and levels of consciousness with the overall Divine Plan; this makes it easy for us to verify the facts, through the natural flow of our perception, by observing how one past experience forms the basis of another on our long journey from the “burning grounds” to the portals of initiation. Such is the Path of Good Fortune, when we are under the guidance of our compassionate Masters.
- c) The concept of **FREE WILL**, duly considered by our Masters and Guides, allowing us to come and go, stop or proceed, is slowly being modified by obedience as we begin to trust the Divine Plan, until that moment of letting go when we find (to our surprise) that following the spiritual tides is a short cut that allows us to bypass our controversies and anxieties!

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY “REPULSE” ?

Master Djwhal Khul brilliantly comments on this word, explaining the various meanings as well as indicating important and essential aspects which need to be observed by the disciple:

“The word ‘repulse’ has an unfortunate connotation in many minds, and this revulsion against the word itself indicates man’s innately spiritual bias. Repulsion, the desire to repudiate, and repulsive attitudes, words and deeds

*evoke in our minds all that is unpleasant to contemplate. Yet, spiritually considered and scientifically viewed, the word 'repulse' indicates simply an attitude towards that which is not desirable. This, in turn (as we seek to determine that which is desirable) calls into activity the virtues of **discrimination, dispassion and discipline** in the disciple's life, as well as the **power to decentralize**. These words indicate the urge to devalue the unreal and the undesirable, to discipline the lower nature till those choices are readily and easily made, which lead to the discarding of that which imprisons or impedes the soul. The major concepts are the definitely and carefully chosen way or procedure which will free the soul from the world of forms and identify it first of all, with itself (thus freeing it from the world illusion), and then with the world of souls, which is the consciousness of the Oversoul." (159-162)*

WHEN DOES THE LAW OF REPULSE BEGIN TO IMPRESS OUR SOUL?

Although this is a law which begins to be absorbed by the disciple, it actually begins to impress its divine purpose in our consciousness from the time since we were aspirants, giving us hints on the existence of higher impulses and decisions which will confer awareness of our progress on the Spiritual Path. It manifests as a First Ray quality, but on the other hand, it indicates the loving aspect of the Second Ray, since it provides us with the constant option of recreating ourselves without suffering; which finally leads us to wisdom. Since our mind is a *continuum*, beginning and ending are the same; thus, the feeling of 'eternal becoming' turns into a non-conflicting reality. We are the product of our own thoughts and actions. The difference will reside in the understanding and compliance to our divine nature and to the Divine Plan.

Once we become aware that this law is an aspect of the fundamental Law of Love, only of concern while we are experiencing life as a soul, it will awaken in us further aspirations and make clear the qualities of the Second Ray, Christ consciousness or nature, and Its power of divinity, also present and innate in us.

As we continue on the path exerting our free will, it is a matter of right choice, to reject or feel repulsion for certain objects which no longer concern us. The repulsion of the soul consists of a mental decision, due to negative experiences in the past in similar situations, or to insights provided by our soul during meditation, or through the acceptance of the advices and instructions given by the higher beings who guide us on the Path. Someday, we will arrive at a great decision, and be certain of its righteousness. The initial repulsion will have taken us to an attitude of acceptance, and this will cause a complete reversal of our personality path, thus opening us to a bright spiritual future.

There are additional methods for working through the Law of Repulse, such as negation, repudiation, withdrawal and right choice, as a consequence of our refined discrimination. Since it is a mental decision, it will affect matter, and will improve our mind control, mainly when dealing with old bad habits and vices. When we become aware of the power of mental determination, we become stronger. In Buddhism, the moment we exhibit repulse or repudiation towards a circumstance and mentally say: "That is enough! I don't want to suffer anymore!", it actually constitutes the *Pratimoksha Vow* – a vow which takes courage and determination, as we envision a way out of suffering.

Master D.K. emphasizes the importance of this law by saying:

“Never let it be forgotten that this influence or law on our spiritual being is that which reveals the will, plan or purpose of the divine life, as it expresses itself in the individual or in humanity as a whole. Let us never forget that unless there is a thread of light to act as a channel, that which this law can convey will remain unknown, unrealized and useless. (149-150)

Therefore, the three laws which apply to the soul govern the Spiritual Triad, which are reflected from the Manasic, Buddhic and Atmic planes down into our personality expression.

This Law is so important that it gained special attention from many Masters, who devised specific methods to deal with it, since it is basically related to our desires and subsequent sufferings. Buddha’s first sermon, known as “*THE FOUR NOBLE TRUTHS*” point out the sequence of mental factors for our analysis, needed in order to heal our body, mind or soul. (155)

- a. Existence in the phenomenal universe is inseparable from suffering and sorrow. SUFFERING EXISTS.
- b. The cause of suffering is desire for existence in the phenomenal universe. ITS CAUSE CAN BE DETECTED. We must examine our desires and identify the “I” person who desires. Who is this “I”? During serious and deep meditations, when we analyze the I PERSON as well as the objects of our desires, we can trace the effect, which is suffering, to the original cause.
- c. The cessation of suffering is attained by eradicating desire for phenomenal existence. SUFFERING CAN CEASE BY ERADICATION OF CAUSES. Besides eradicating desire, (to which we react negatively), we eventually arrive at the awareness that this “I” who desires, as well as all the objects of our desire, have no inherent existence. We can then understand that we are both a product of our desires and a victim of circumstances (and/or our wrong views about ourselves). We conclude that we must control our impetus to experience desires by all means, even though while realizing that suffering may be a natural effect.

This is a very tricky point, since we tend not to accept desires as negative aspects of our astral and mental vehicles, due to the conditioning that comes from our consumerist society. If we take into consideration the concept of impermanence, which is subjacent to all phenomena, we will understand why all desire turns into suffering, either as a result of its limitless fruition or its interruption. Thus, our best food becomes poison if endlessly consumed; and yet, its absence will bring the terrible suffering of hunger. The person and the desire are thus both subject to impermanence. Wisdom will arise from this awareness. It will then become easier to implement the Law of Repulse, determining what we no longer want, since the object of our desire is no longer important for our spiritual progress.

- d. The Path to the Cessation of suffering, the NOBLE EIGHTFOLD PATH, consists of:

RIGHT VIEW
RIGHT THINKING

RIGHT SPEECH
RIGHT ACTION
RIGHT LIVELIHOOD
RIGHT EFFORT
RIGHT MINDFULNESS
RIGHT MEDITATION

Next, we must proceed along the Path of Perfection (practicing the six essential attitudes or *paramitas*: generosity, moral discipline, patience, effort, concentration and wisdom (*prajnaparamita*) and through the Path of Purification, with the urge to purify ourselves from past negative karma, negative imprints, wrong views still active in our mental continuum. Soon, we must proceed to the Path of Discipleship, when we start noticing the first inputs from the Law of Repulse, aiding us in the control of our minds. (155)

Master D.K., in the XXth century, while devising a Path for us, revealed the steps which should be taken by an undeveloped and average man, if one wants to follow a sequence, describing the Stages of the Path. (156-7)

THE STAGES OF THE PATH are:

(WHILE DEVELOPING THE PERSONALITY):

1. "The urge to experience, to exist, and to satisfy the instinctual nature.
2. Experience, grasping, existing, followed by renewed demand for more satisfying compliances of fate or destiny.
3. Cycle after cycle of demand for satisfaction, a period of satisfaction of a temporary nature, and then, further demands.
4. Experience, steadily sought and pursued upon the three planes of human evolution: mental, astral and physical
5. Then the same experience, but this time as an integrated personality.

(WHILE DEVELOPING THE SOUL):

6. Demand met until satiety is reached, for in time all men do eventually achieve that which they demand.
7. 7. Then comes the demand for inner spiritual compliances, happiness and bliss. The "heaven wish" becomes powerful.
8. A vague realization that two things are needed: purification and the power to choose right, which is right discrimination.
9. A vision of the pairs of opposites.
10. The realization of the narrow path which leads between these pairs of opposites," until becoming an integrated soul.

(WHILE ENGAGED IN THE DISCIPLESHIP PATH):

11. Repulsing or repudiating the not-self (over a long period of time),." which slows and hinders our spiritual progress.
12. Acceptance, Service and Obedience, which foster our spiritual progress.*

We view ourselves as someone in search of happiness, and at the same time striving to avoid suffering. These feelings are common to all human beings, although some realize happiness, others don't. But once we have achieved this goal, what is the next

step? When we concentrate our efforts on understanding the Law of Repulse at a deeper level, we will realize that it not only concerns us but also others. Thus, the next step is to help others.

HOW CAN WE SPEED UP IN THE PATH OF DISCIPLESHIP?

D.K. teaches us that two things can trigger the Law of Repulse and this definitely will speed our progress: (157-159):

The first one is SERVICE, while being attentive to our motivations. We must become aware that we are here to serve others, observing the many opportunities that come our way according to our karmic pre-dispositions.

Secondly, is the aspect of OBEDIENCE, the willingness to comply or abide by the methods prescribed or recommended by our Master, Guru or Spiritual Guide.

Both these principles cause great mental release of our stress and anxieties, for now we have a Path, a Guide and Dharma to follow. We also have brothers and sisters along the Path; we are no longer alone. Service to others releases us from our own thought forms and creates an accumulation of merits. As to Obedience, we must understand that in fact we are complying with the will of our own Soul, in the process of integrating it into the greater whole, as the result of our own longing for expansion.

As such, the law of repulse can be viewed as the most important tool of negation, for it allows us to naturally relinquish those urges and desires which are not conducive to our enlightenment or even to our well-being; we become conscious that they actually turn into toxins in our astral and mental vehicles. Once this is realized, we are then free to benefit Humanity, all the sentient beings, and the entire Planet.

When we first hear the instruction of SERVE AND OBEY, we react negatively, due to our limitations in seeing the greater picture. We have yet to become truly aware of the fact that, since the time we were born, others have been indispensable to our lives. How could we live without others to be with, work with, validate our opinions and enrich our experiences?

We also must view SERVICE as the practice that will easily open our heart chakra, allowing for an important transference of energies. OBEDIENCE is just as potent, for it evokes the proper responses from the two head centers, under the impact of our soul force, causing unification of all the three centers, making one whole field of distinctive soul recognition. Just as desire is the basic drive for the common man living on the personality level, the **wish to serve** is the most important aspiration for the disciple. D.K. comments: "*Indication of its presence are ever to be found, nevertheless, even in the most undesirable types of human beings; it is evolved in moments of high destiny or immediate urgency and or supreme difficulty. The heart of man is sound, but oft asleep*". (157-9)

OTHER IMPORTANT TASKS IN THE PATH OF DISCIPLESHIP INCLUDE: (162-163)

A. The understanding and practice of

DISCRIMINATION
DISPASSION
DISCIPLINE AND
DECENTRALIZATION

These four virtues become the main characteristics of a Disciple. They also bring about the effects of the Law of Repulse, since we try to distinguish and control certain pairs of opposites through these mental faculties and do this without pain. Finally we choose one of them, the right one, as our spiritual path, while repulsing or negating the other.

B. Meditation on the main PAIRS OF OPPOSITES as cited by Master D.K., defining what is favorable or appropriate at the present time and distinguishing this from what should be discarded:

1. *Right and wrong,*
2. *Good and evil,*
3. *Light and dark, spiritually understood,*
4. *Prison and liberty,*
5. *Love and hate,*
6. *Introversion and extroversion. We do well to ponder on this duality.*
7. *Truth and falsehood,*
8. *Mystical and occult knowledge,*
9. *The self and the not-self,*
10. *Soul and body.*

C. Meditation on the SEVEN DIRECTIONS OF THE LAW OF REPULSE, (166-172) by familiarizing ourselves with the rich imagery and sequence of events, seeking the resonance deep within our soul, until we identify one of the directions that is appropriate for us in this incarnation. Then the hints become instructions for us to follow using our creative potentials and what is available.

Later, if this method allows us to understand the impact of the other rays on ourselves, as well as on other people, we may work on the remaining directions, aiming to perceive the interconnectedness of all the rays, and concluding that we are part of a beautiful and integrated cosmic plan, which leaves no one out, brilliantly called by Dr. Michael D. Robbins as "Tapestry of the Gods".

We will end this short study of the LAW OF REPULSE by quoting Master D.K., so that His words may become ingrained in our minds and souls and thus have an everlasting influence:

"We stand today on the verge of great things. Humanity is on its way with renewed impetus. It stands no longer at the crossroads, but irrevocable decisions have been made, and the race is moving forward along a path which will lead it eventually into light and peace.

It will find its way into the 'peace which passeth understanding' because it will be a peace which is independent of outer conditions and which is not based

upon what present humanity defines as peace. The peace which lies ahead of the race is the peace of serenity and of joy – a serenity, based upon spiritual understanding; and a joy which is untouched by circumstance. This joy and serenity is not an astral condition but a soul reaction. These qualities are not achieved as the result of disciplining the emotional nature, but demonstrate as a natural, automatic reaction of the soul.

This is the reward of a definitely achieved alignment. These two dualities of the soul – serenity and joy – are the indications that the soul, the ego, the One Who stands alone, is controlling or dominating the personality, circumstance, and all environing conditions of life in the three worlds.” (pg. 200)

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